The truth about the Beatles: Paul McCartney talks to Ray Connolly

ON JOHN and YOKO: 'John's in love with Yoko and he's no longer in love with the other three of us.'

The party's over, but none of us wants to admit it...

ON RINGO : ' First Ringo left because he didn't think it was fun any more.'

ON GEORGE: ' George left because he didn't think he had enough say . . . after a couple of days he came back.'

HAD he been a king who abdicated, the convulsions of disappointment and accusations which swept around the world with the reports that Paul McCartney had left the Beatles could have been little more acute.

The hair interested shock their heads and said "sad but inevitable," a generation of young people wondered if it was the end of the dream, and by one of those favourite human beings, and the media of the world rushed out their potted obituaries on the group who became the standard bearers of Western youth in communication, age and the truth to put the nails in the coffin hardly anyone took the time to ask themselves why they were interested in what the Beatles thought, and how possible that the purpose had been to keep freer for myself. Or seen from another angle, "Paul is dead, long live Billy Shears." Because in the end, and purpose, during the last few years the Beatles as a group ever existed as an entity in the imagination of the world. They haven't been together since our Auntie's or in our nostalgic memories.

Paul McCartney didn't break the Beatles. If the group is dead and helping it along was John Lennon has told me that when he was asked by McCartney months ago on the set of the last picture. If he has broken the group, then so has the rest of the band. Harrison, Lennon, however, told me quite definitely said December 31st he'd finished with the Beatles and that was that. He has no intention to make a known publicity.

Ambiguous statement

The confusion about McCartney's role in the affair was the result of an ambiguous and misleading statement issued by Apple on Sunday. Paul was in the throes of his first solo album, which he has been working on for the last year, and when he would write songs with Lennon again, and when it had no plans for touring with the Beatles again because for touring with the Beatles again because for touring with the Beatles again because